

Research Committee Report

Members of the Research Committee: Robert Duval, Don McGrath, and Mary Shapiro. Dr. Hira offers her sincere thanks to these members for their wonderful work.

On behalf of the Research committee, she thanks the Council for accepting the Research committee's proposal during the Council's last meeting and allowing the Research committee to proceed with the work that needs to be done to finalize its proposal that was submitted during Council's last meeting.

She expressed disappointment about being unable to join in at this conference call. She is currently in Europe presenting a paper at an international conference.

The committee does not have a proposal to submit at this time. However, it would like to provide a brief progress report to the Council.

Dr. Hira has had phone conversations with all committee members. All members of the committee have the proposal that was submitted to the Council during the last meeting and are in the process of reviewing it themselves. They are also soliciting opinions of selected colleagues. The deadline to provide this input to Dr. Hira is July 20th. The proposal will be revised with this input and sent back to committee members by mid-August for a final review.

The research committee is maximizing the impact of its four members. The committee's work cuts across areas represented by all Council members. Keeping this in mind, as a chair, Dr. Hira has started the process of soliciting the input of every council member. All council members have also been encouraged to solicit input from their select colleagues. Dr. Hira offers her sincere thanks to those who have taken time to talk to her and have promised to give her their own and their colleague's input in couple of weeks. This input will be critical in shaping the final proposal prepared by this committee.

Dr. Hira is reaching out to a select group of her colleagues in the academic community to receive their input for both parts of the Research committee's current proposal - 'critical content' and "research gap" sections. The committee is optimistic that it will complete its work and meet the deadline to submit materials for the Council's October meeting.

On behalf of Research committee Dr. Hira expressed sincere thanks to Dan Iannicola, Bill Sullivan, and Tom Kurek for their tremendous supporting throughout this process.